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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DAY AND NOOTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, SY, US

SUBJECT: SYRIA FY 1978 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 8856; (B) STATE 307883; (C) STATE 306927

1. YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND AID ARE AWARE OF THE POLITICAL AND PROGRAM RAMIFICATIONS OF THE SYRIAN AID LEVELS. WE HAVE STRESSED THOSE VERY PRIORITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS THAT CONCLUDED WITH THE PRESENT REDUCTIONS SET BY THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER CONSIDERATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. WHILE AID PROGRAMS ADDRESS FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS, DOMESTIC BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS ALSO BECOME SIGNIFICANT IN DETERMINING ACTUAL LEVELS.

2. SARG SHOULD NOT BE LED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSIONS IN COMPARING THE LEVEL OF THE FY 1978 PROGRAM WITH PREVIOUS

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YEARS. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE USG TREATS TOTAL ASSISTANCE LEVELS TO THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE AS AN INTERRELATED PACKAGE; THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS OF ALL MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, ARE BELOW THE STATE SSA BUDGET REQUEST BECAUSE OF THE PROPORTIONATE CUTS IN OVERALL SA LEVELS FOR EACH COUNTRY; AND THE SIZE OF THE SYRIA PROGRAM IN RELATION TO OTHER

PROGRAMS CONTINUES TO INDICATE THE IMPORTANCE OF  
DAMASCUS IN U.S. THINKING.  
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